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Reporting for the week ending October 8, 2006.

General

Last week, high temperatures in Arkansas ranged from 86 to 96 degrees Fahrenheit. There were 7.0 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 12 percent very short, 34 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Crops

Last week marked the end of corn harvest. In the majority of the state, harvest of rice, cotton, and soybeans continued. Cotton bolls opened and cotton harvested remained ahead of the five-year average. Sorghum harvested remained ahead of the five-year average and was nearing completion. All stages of soybean progress were ahead of last year and the five year averages. As a result of having 7 days suitable for field work, acres of winter wheat planted increased and were ahead of the five year average.

Livestock

Livestock remained in good condition. Producers continued the selling of fall calves and working cattle. Arkansas producers continued baling hay and seeding fall forage crops. Some producers started stock piling Bermuda.

Percent of Progress

	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2005	5 Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	100	97	99	99
Cotton	Bolls Open	97	91	98	96
	Harvested	49	31	46	35
Rice	Harvested	92	81	85	88
Sorghum	Harvested	99	93	92	95
Soybeans	Yellowed	96	87	92	87
	Shedding	86	73	80	72
	Matured	75	59	68	44
	Harvested	56	40	49	39
Winter Wheat	Planted	15	3	11	10
	Emerged	2	1	2	2

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	1	7	25	48	19
Hay-Other	19	21	35	21	4
Hay-Alfalfa	24	25	41	10	0
Pasture & Range	15	28	36	18	3

Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending October 8, 2006									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal	Wk Ending Oct. 8	Oct.	Oct.	Jan - September	
						Accum	Normal	2006	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	86	39	4	0.00	0.01	1.95	33.81	34.58
	Harrison	88	43	4	0.00	0.00	1.63	39.38	33.46
N. Central	Calico Rock	89	39	3	0.00	0.00	1.73	43.54	33.76
	Gilbert	89	41	2	0.00	0.00	1.53	35.86	32.74
	Greers Ferry	88	41	3	0.00	0.01	1.87	37.13	36.64
	Mtn. Home	89	46	4	0.00	0.00	1.63	37.65	33.11
Northeast	Batesville	91	41	3	0.00	0.00	1.68	37.77	34.54
	Jonesboro	90	48	3	0.00	0.06	1.54	38.56	33.59
	Keiser	93	43	5	0.00	0.12	1.57	44.76	37.30
	Newport	92	45	3	0.00	0.20	1.55	37.02	35.33
W. Central	Booneville	91	43	3	0.00	0.00	1.83	31.09	34.93
	Clarksville	89	49	6	0.00	0.23	1.84	29.60	33.77
	Dardanelle	90	43	4	0.00	0.17	1.73	31.28	35.16
	Ft. Smith	93	47	5	0.00	0.19	1.71	34.22	32.11
	Mena	87	42	4	0.00	0.00	2.62	30.48	42.11
	Ozark	93	48	6	0.00	0.08	1.74	39.91	32.58
Central	Conway	90	45	3	0.00	0.10	1.74	35.74	34.99
	Hot Springs	91	44	2	0.00	0.50	2.12	35.27	41.29
	Little Rock	91	48	4	0.00	0.13	1.77	34.41	36.62
	N. Little Rock	90	50	2	0.00	0.13	1.58	32.56	32.22
E. Central	Brinkley	90	44	2	0.00	0.25	1.49	39.17	36.77
	Marianna	90	47	4	0.00	0.21	1.54	32.76	38.97
	Stuttgart	93	44	3	0.00	0.00	1.53	35.32	35.62
Southwest	Hope	91	43	4	0.00	0.00	1.90	27.26	39.31
	Texarkana	93	46	4	0.00	0.00	1.64	23.92	32.82
	Camden	92	43	4	0.00	0.00	1.82	25.09	38.59
S. Central	El Dorado	92	41	3	0.00	0.00	1.74	33.35	40.58
	Warren	89	44	3	0.00	0.00	1.90	32.12	40.70
Southeast	Eudora	96	48	5	0.00	0.00	1.45	37.18	42.36
	Pine Bluff	90	45	2	0.00	0.00	1.78	35.29	38.18
	Rohwer	92	45	4	0.00	0.00	1.36	35.29	38.14

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